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SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" May I know, Sir, the reason for the recruitment of such a small number of Collectors from the Harijan community? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not concede this is a small number. As I have already said, all these six persons are in the Collector's grade."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state what exactly is the percentage of Collectors from the Harijan community *versus* Backward Classes, Non-Brahman Hindus and Brahman Hindus? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Supply of textile goods to the Government departments.

* 46 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether a representation, dated 20th November 1952, from the Madras Provincial Handloom Weavers' Congress, Nidubrolu, has been received by the Government requesting them to immediately convene a meeting of the Heads of all consuming departments of the Government to determine the varieties and quantities of textile goods, that can be produced by handlooms for consumption by those departments and if so, the action taken thereon by the Government?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration of the Government in consultation with the Heads of Departments concerned. After receipt of final reports, necessary action will be taken in the matter."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have placed any orders for the manufacture of textile goods required by the Government with the co-operatives? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I said, the Government must first be aware of the quantity and the variety of cloth required by the Heads of Departments. Orders will be placed on receipt of that information."

Admission to the Government Medical Colleges.

8-40 a.m. * 47 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with regard to the admission to the Government Medical College in the year 1952—

(*a*) the number of Brahman candidates selected for admission;

(*b*) the number of Backward Class candidates selected by open competition and by reservation of seats respectively; and

(*c*) the number of Harijan candidates selected for admission by open competition and by reservation of seats?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) In view of the constitutional changes and judicial decisions, in the application forms